

COLGATE & COMPANY JERSEY CITY PLANT: L-1
(Colgate-Palmolive Company Jersey City Plant: L-1)
73-79 Hudson Street
Jersey City
Hudson County
New Jersey

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Location: 73-79 Hudson Street, Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey

Significance: Colgate-Palmolive Company built L-1 as an instrumentation shop and for storage. Although not individually significant, L-1 is significant as a component of the Colgate plant in Jersey City.

Description: L-1 is a one-story-plus-partial mezzanine, single-bay, steel-frame, corrugated-metal-clad structure with a concrete block foundation, of a type commonly known as a "Butler" building. The 60-by-80 foot building has a slightly pitched roof, one pedestrian door and one truck bay on Creene Street, and one pedestrian door in the west wall. Fenestration includes horizontal metal windows with hoppers. The original interior included open space for work benches and enclosed areas for offices and storage.

History: L-1 was built in 1956, and served its original function until c1986. As demolition of the Jersey City plant proceeded in 1988, Colgate-Palmolive refurbished the L-1 interior as offices and storage space for the engineering department and other remaining plant personnel. The structure was standing in 1991.

Sources:

Plans:

The drawings listed below are currently (1991) held in L-1 at the Jersey City plant. For future access, researchers should contact the company's Office of Corporate Communications, 300 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

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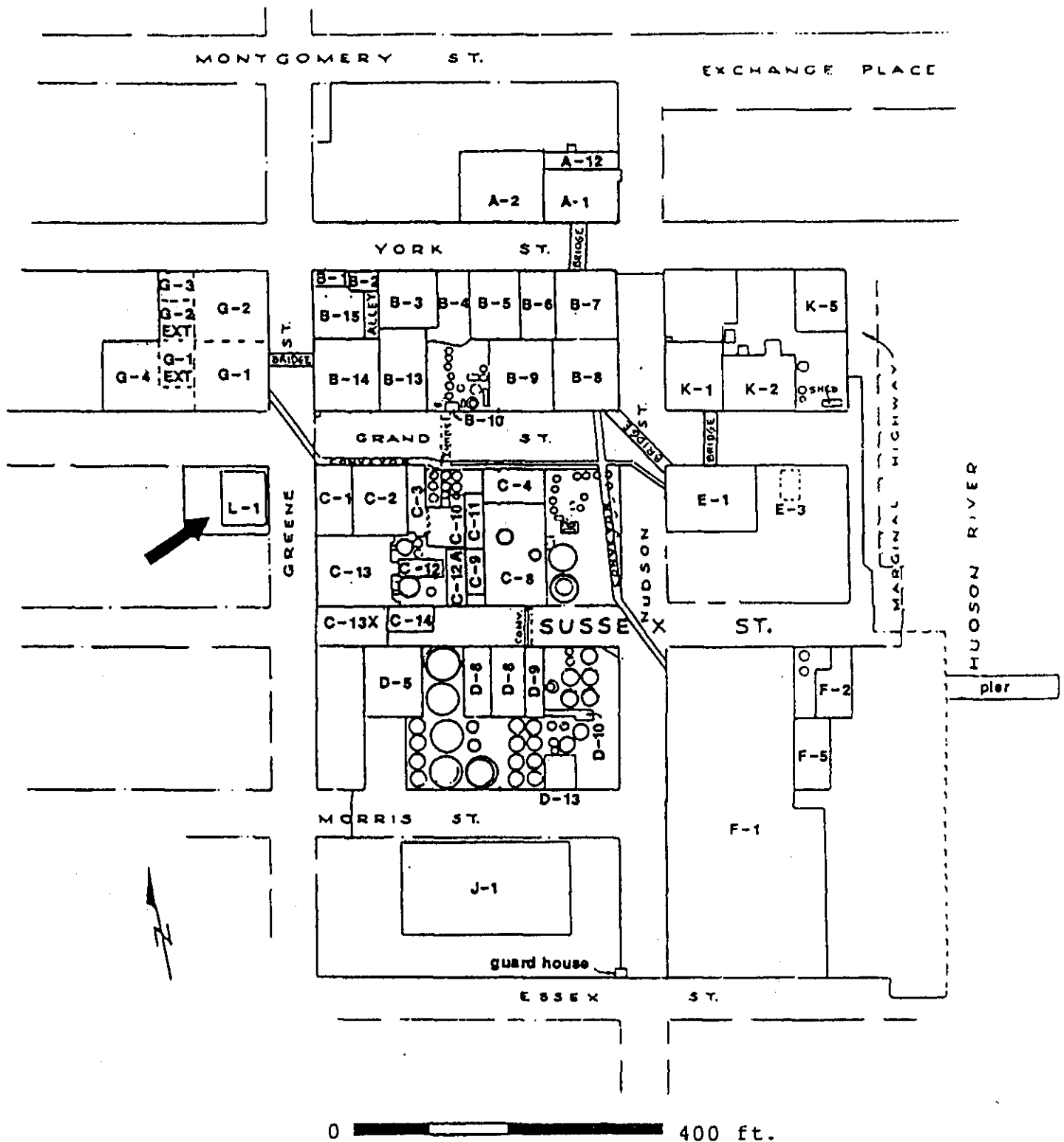


Figure 1. LOCATION OF L-1 AT COLGATE JERSEY CITY PLANT

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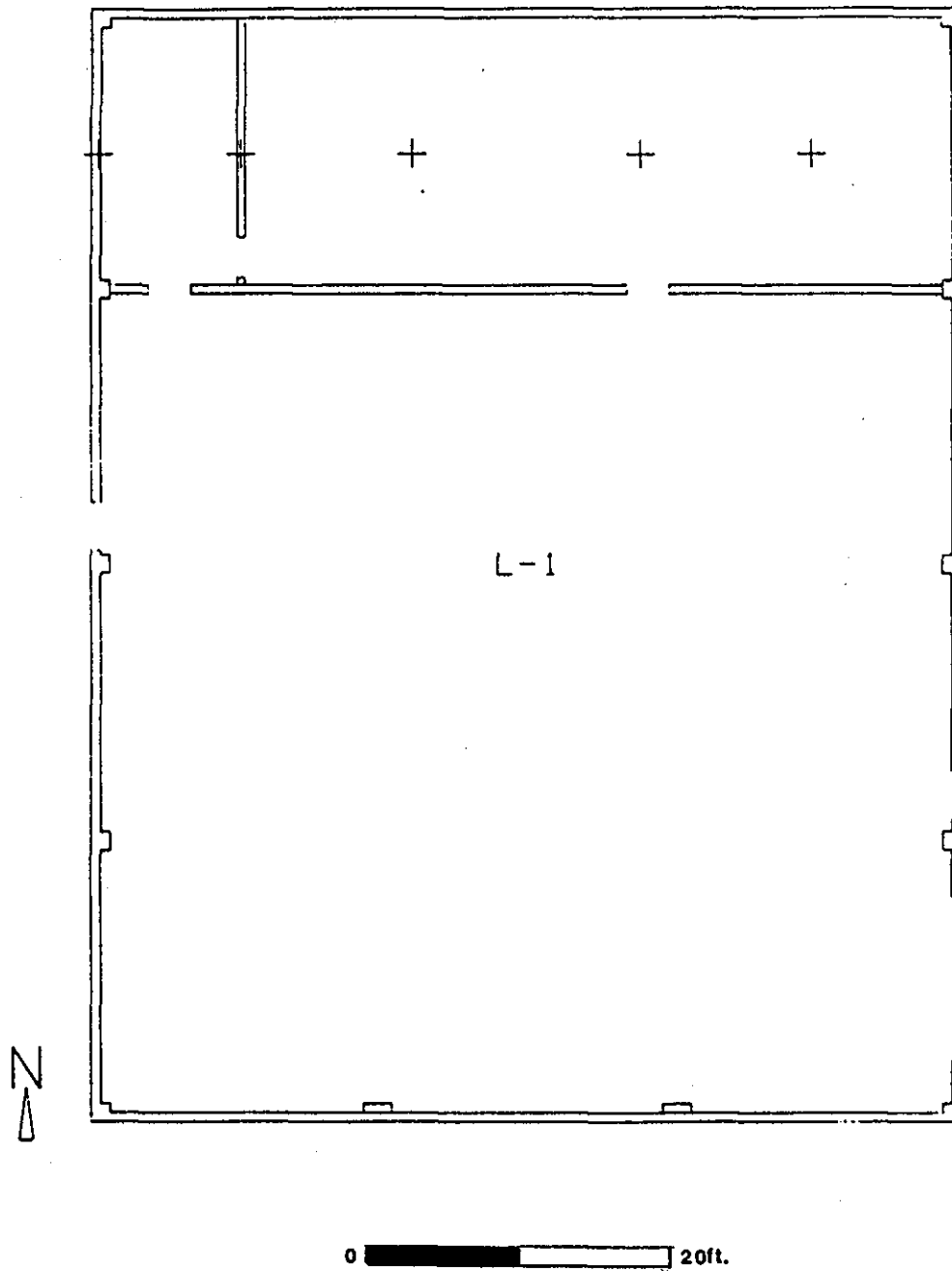


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